



CCM Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 99% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 6592 “Requiring the Consideration of Housing Needs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in Municipal Affordable Housing Plans”

HB 6592 would require municipalities to consider accessibility improvements for affordable housing units for individuals with developmental disabilities in the adoption of affordable housing plans.

CCM appreciates the intent of this bill and would like to be a partner with the State when determining the planning and development of affordable housing in an inclusive way.

CCM would recommend the Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future (CCDF) investigate this proposal, alongside other State department stakeholders in order to not duplicate efforts and design an inclusive proposal. CCDF, working with municipal leaders, housing developers and housing advocates can help identify the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, the scope of how much developmentally disabled housing is necessary within a community and determine what is the best path forward in accommodating their housing needs.

Once this work is done, then it will clarify what should be included in municipal affordable housing plans as it relates to the developmentally disabled.

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If you have any questions, please contact [Zachary McKeown](#), Senior Legislative Associate for CCM.